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MEXICAN NATIONAL LIVING IN KC PLEADS GUILTY TO DISTRIBUTING COCAINE

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Mexican national living in Kansas City, Mo., pleaded guilty in federal court today to distributing cocaine.

Francisco Montantes, 29, a Mexican national living in Kansas City, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Howard F. Sachs this morning to the charge contained in a June 21, 2005, federal indictment.

By pleading guilty, **Montantes** admitted that he conspired to distribute cocaine on June 7, 2005.

Under federal statutes, Graves explained, **Montantes** may be subject to a maximum sentence of up to 20 years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$1 million.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Joseph M. Marquez. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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